

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Wilbur and Elisabeth Foss are being honored by the Yankton community as living legends; and,

Whereas, Wilbur and Elisabeth have been selected for this honor because of their contributions to the South Dakota Fiddlers; and,

Whereas, Wilbur was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Fiddlers' Hall of Fame in 1984, the Midwest Music Hall of Fame in 1987, the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1989, the Eastern Arizona Music Hall of Fame in 2003, and received the South Dakota Press Association Award in 1987; and,

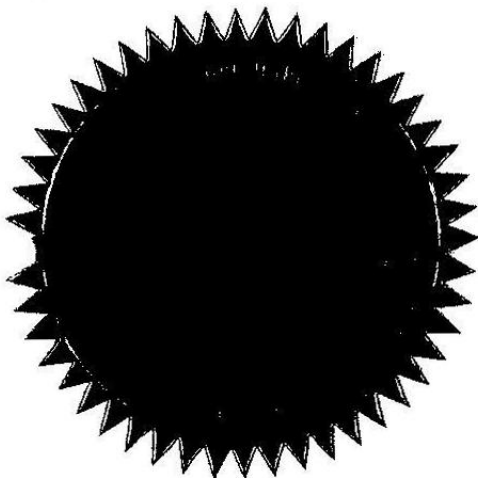
Whereas, Elisabeth was the originator of the Scotland Community Choir in 1947, and served as the director, was a piano teacher for 40 years, a music and English teacher, and is a lifetime member of the Sons of Norway; and,

Whereas, Wilbur and Elisabeth Foss will be the center of attention on May 31st when musicians will gather from far and wide to share their music and their stories and memories of the honored couple:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2003, as

WILBUR & ELISABETH FOSS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join their family and many friends in honoring and wishing them continued blessings going forward.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State